

Azerbaijan

Advising Center Network

The two EducationUSA Advising Centers in Azerbaijan – in Baku and Ganja – offer the full range of advising services and are affiliated with the Open Society Institute.

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -15.1%

- ▶ Between 2007 and 2015, the State Scholarship Program will provide partial to full scholarships for 15,000 Azerbaijani students to study abroad.
- ▶ Increasing interest in undergraduate education in the US, including community colleges.
- ▶ Growing interest in Ph.D. programs in the US.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: business administration, economics, computer science, and law are the most popular fields.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: volleyball, gymnastics, soccer, and wrestling.

Resource Links

Baku Education Information Center: www.beic.az

Ganja Education Information Center: www.gitc.aznet.org

Ministry of Education: edu.gov.az (Azerbaijani only)

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Azerbaijani (principal) Russian, English	Azerbaijani (principal) Russian, English
Years of study required:	11-12 years	4 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	outstanding (5) good (4) satisfactory (3) unsatisfactory (2) fail (1)	outstanding (5) good (4) satisfactory (3) unsatisfactory (2) fail (1)
Scholarship for US studies:	US: Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan: State Scholarship Program; State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic Scholarship • US: Global UGRAD, Muskie

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ Annual Outreach Program, June 2008
- ▶ Pre-Departure Orientation, July 2008
- ▶ Council of International Schools (CIS) Education Tour, April 2009

Partnering with EducationUSA Azerbaijan

US colleges and universities are encouraged to contact EducationUSA in Azerbaijan to coordinate – in person or virtually – their involvement with the advising centers. The best times to reach large student audiences are February-May and September-November.

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Program Highlights 2007

Extra-curricular activities: Model UN

Vusal Mammadov, alumnus of the Baku Education Information Center and currently a sophomore at Park University in Missouri, alongside Kofi Annan, in Kansas City. At Park, Vusal participates in Model UN and was present for Mr. Annan's final speech as Secretary General.



Graduation Day!

Reyhan Rzayeva, alumna of Baku Education Information Center, receives her BA from the University of Arkansas at Monticello.



International Education Week

EducationUSA adviser Irada Iskenderova engages with students at an education fair in Mingachevir. November 2007.



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy in Baku
- ▶ Open Society Institute
- ▶ American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS
- ▶ IREX
- ▶ Project Harmony
- ▶ American Center in Baku
- ▶ State Oil Company of Azerbaijan

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	337	286
Total number of center inquiries:	27,000	27,000